ANS Early Correspondence 1858

Extent: 32 letters.

Part of: American Numismatic Society, Early Correspondence, 1858-1908.

Noted Writers: Edward Groh [diary excerpts discussing early meetings].

Main Recipients: Frank H. Norton; Augustus B. Sage.

Other Correspondents: David Hooper; Peter Cooper, Cooper Institute; Hon W. H. Seward; [Corr. Sec., A.A.S.]; Benson J. Lossing; S.F. Haven; Horace Webster; Charles D. Sandford; W.C. Hau; D.T. Irish; Albert Nicolay; Henry A.W. Hulbert; Justin Jones; W.N. Ellis; Robert Prince; David M. Balfour; C. Atwater; J.H. Lyman; Gabriel N.P. Gale; C.L.S. Matthews; John West; A.O. Histen.

Noted Documents:

- Letter announcing foundational meeting, Constitution and Bylaws: March 28, 1858, with signatures of founding members: Augustus B. Sage, Henry O. Clark, James D. Foskett, Edward Groh, and James Oliver.

Notes: Includes 1855 letter to wife of Isaac Wood, concerning a gift?; and two 1853 letters between James Nottingham and Henry W. Gair, relating to the Carolus or “Old Head” dollar.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Exerpts from Diary of Edward Groh	RE: First meetings and organization	
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Aug. B. Sage to Peter Cooper Esq.	negotiating for meeting room	May 3
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Private.

Manchester 16 Jany 1853.

Henry W. Gair Esqr
New York.

Dear Gair,

At foot I give you extract of a private letter from my partner in China relating to the Carolus or old head Dollar & I should be very much obliged to you if you would make enquiry whether there is any where in the States such a mint as he refers to. also what exact description of Carolus dollar is there coined & at what rate they can be obtained. with any other information you can obtain as to the quantity issued &c.

The particulars in the extract below are of course private. That you may understand more easily the mark referred to I enclose cuttings of a Carolus Dollar in which you will perceive that the compound letter after the word "Rex" varies slightly from that recommended

I am,
Yrs sincerely
James Worthington.

I enclose a note ask on business..

Ext.

Extract. dated Shanghae Sept. 20th 1853.

"I learn that Russell & Co a month ago received "$25,000 new Carolus Dollars direct from the States, "& I understand that there is a regular mint of "them in Connecticut, in which the Dollar Standard "Silver is used, & when they are coined for a "Seigniorage" "of about 3% - this perhaps accounts for many things "which we did not before quite understand - The "'number one' Carolus Dollars are those of Carolus "III" with a small o over the "M" on the reverse "side. No others should ever be sent here for "although some others both Carolus & Ferdinand "do pass at par, others in which the only differen "is in the form of the King's Head, can scarcely "be passed with at a discount of 18%.

1853

James Worthington

Manchester 16th Nov

Recd — 6 Dec

Answd — 13 —

Private.

Henry W. Gair Esq.

New York.

Nov. 16. 1853

New York
Dec. 14th 1865.

Madam:

Permit me to present the bearer of this to you / Mrs. Catherine Soper / as a person in every respect worthy, & in need, of assistance.

In the early part of this month her husband, at the time a Sergeant, in the U. S. Army, deserted, leaving his wife & family, consisting of herself & 4 young children, the eldest seven years of age & the youngest eight months old, entirely without money or anything that could be converted into money.

Under the circumstances, his wife has no claim upon the Government, and is necessarily left unprovided for: and as she is in delicate health, a stranger and without friends in this city, I respect

recommend her to you, hoping that you, as the representative of a Charitable Association, will do all that can be done to lighten her burden: feeling assured, at the same time, that whatever may be done will be most thankfully accepted by Mrs Soper.

With respect, Madam.
Your obedient Servt.
R. H. L. Rogers Capt. *
U. S. Army.

To
Mrs. Dr. Isaac Wood

* Afterwards Col. & Brevet Maj. Gen. ~~& Brevet~~

March 15 1858

In evening attended the first irregular meeting of the proposed Numismatic Society at the house of A B Sage 121 Essex St.

Present, Jas. D Joskett, James Oliver, Dr Gibbs Harry Whitmore, H. E. Hart and a number of others Ezra Hill, J. H. Laurence.

March 16. 1858

In eve'g to meeting of a committee to draft a Constitution & By Laws for the Numismatic Soc at the house of A B Sage 121 Essex St, met there Jas. Oliver, Mr Hart absent. J. H. Laurence (of constituting committee

March 21 1858

Attended meeting of the Coin Collectors at the house of A. B. Sage present, Foskett, Oliver, Hill, Melber, Whitmore J. W. Lawrence, & Gibbs and Geo Sage.

March 29. 1858

Attended meeting of the Coin Collectors at the house of A. B. Sage present, Foskett, Whitmore, Oliver, Lawrence, & Atkinson John Cooper Vail, Page, Thos. Dunn English &c.

From Diary of E. Mohl

New York
March 5 1855

Dear Sir,

An informal meeting will be held at the House of Aug. B. Sage, No. 121 East 23d st, for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps towards the organization of our Antislavery Society in this city. You are earnestly requested to be present and take an active part in the organizing.

Respectfully
Yours
Aug. B. Sage
Benj. Wilson
Jos. D. Fowler
[illegible]
[illegible]
Thos. Oliver

Mess.
Ea

South Windham March 28/50

Mr. Norton

Sir I have seen of late there is quite a stir after old Coins I wish to say that I have several half cents dated 1804-1806-1805 & I wish to know if they are worth more than their face

Any information will be thankfully recied

Direct to David Hooper
South Windham
Me.

121 Essex St.
New York May 3 [illegible]

Peter Cooper Esq
Dear Sir:

[illegible]
be [illegible] a copy [illegible]
Laws & Union, & [illegible]
[illegible] the use of a room [illegible]
Meeting.

The Society has just completed its organizations, and possesses but limited means — however, if a room can be obtained in the Union, we will pay a reasonable rent therefor.

Be kind enough to acknowledge receipt, informing me if such a room as would be suitable is at your disposal, with [illegible] rent &c.

I am, [illegible]
Very Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

(copy)

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New York May 12, 1[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir:

I am directed [illegible] to tender [illegible] the thanks of [illegible] Numismatic Society for [illegible] donation of Books &c.

[illegible] Public Documents are carefully preserved in our Archives, & we are anxious to obtain [illegible] the Pacific Railroad Surveys. Could you obtain a Copy for us?

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

[illegible]

(Copy)

121 Essex St
Dec [illegible] 1882

Dear Sir:

Some time since I observed a paragraph in one of our papers referring to the life of Hull, the mint-master of 1652, which was to be published by your Society.

I'd like to know whether the work is published yet, and if so, is it on sale? Enclosed please find a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the C. H. S.

Very truly Yours
Chas. Wage
Cor. Sec. C. H. S.

Mr
Cor. Sec. C. H. S.
Mrs. Mapes

(Copy)

21 Cours St.
Port Chester, June 24 '84

Lincoln Washington Esq.
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir:

As my leaving
today I cannot be at the meeting of the American Numismatic Society, you will consequently exclude me from the number of "Operations".

My interest has been in advancing the Science of Numismatology through and contributed to this store. The Science is still in its infancy on this side of the Atlantic, but by making the effort, we may yet make it equal in interest those others the Americans have raised to a degree hitherto unknown. By registering your exchange, oblige

Yours Obt Servt
Geo. C. Ray

(Copy)

Antiquarian Hall Worcester, June 25. 1858.

Dear Sir

Your note addressed to the Cor. Sec. of the Am. Antiquarian Society has been, in his absence, forwarded to me.

In reply I would state that that the Diary of John Hull the Mint-master, with a Memoir & appendix, was published in the last volume of the Transactions of the Society, about a year since. Copies may be found at Charles B. Norton's and at Miller & Hadden's in New York.

I have placed the Constitution and By-Laws of the Numismatic Society in the A. A. S. Library. Though the field of numismatic study is of course a limited one, Co

So far as our own country is concerned, this subject is certainly a very important one to authors.

Yours truly,

S. P. Haven

Lt. U.S.A.

Pawtucket
July 2, 1878

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th with the forwarding to me of Prof. Rogers' memoir on Medals & Tokens, which I have read with the American Numismatic Society.

With any limited knowledge of the literature and highly important subject which forms the topic of your association, more than I do, I cannot pretend to offer anything of value, but I confess I have a deep concern in such inquiries as these, so thinking I shall be glad to have been in your [illegible] in that interest you have secured a member for ~~you~~ in writing me annual, now as a fellow-delve. I must claim =

[illegible] accept the proffered honor,
I beg you to receive my cordial
thanks, and my earnest wishes
for the success of your Enterprise.
It is the hand-maid and co-worker
with History, and is one of its most
reliable aids in discovering truths
and Errors in the Chronicles of the
race.

Enclosed I send you a single
sketch of a brass medal or coin,
that was taken from the Earth, in
this County, six feet below the
surface, a few months ago. It
was left with the Cashier of one
of our banks who handed it to
me for examination. This sketch
shows the two sides. The date, you
perceive, is 1699, and I can trace
in the much worn letters, portions of
the words, Portugal, Arabia and Ethiopia.
Can you give me any clue to
its meaning and purpose? The inclosure
[illegible] the letters
[illegible] It is much worn.

Any information you may be able to impart to me on this subject will be gratefully received. The plan has been returned to the owner. I shall consider it a favor if, when you shall have investigated the matter, you will return the sketch to me, when I will make a better drawing to be deposited in the archives of the society.

Accept for yourself and associates, the assurance of my personal regard,

Very truly yours

Benson J. Lossing

Augustus B. Sage Esq.
Sec'y R. S.
321 Essex St.

P.S. This will be misplaced
in advance until October or
later.

— Copy —

121 Essex St.,
New York, July 1, 1858

Horace Webster Esq.,
Dear Sir:

Accompanying please find a copy of the Constitution and By Laws of the recently organized in this City, having for its object the promotion of the cause of mental culture.

Being anxious to complete the series of Society, College, and School Medals, as soon as possible, we are [illegible] among first those belonging to the Academy.

Feeling assured that you will do everything in your power to advance our Science, I remain,

Respectfully Your
[illegible]

P.S. [illegible] the medals, does not furnish them (to your Consent) at cost of striking.

Sept. —

121 Esse[illegible] St.
New York, July 9.

Benson J. Lossing Esq.
Dear Sir:

[illegible] received your note of the 2d a day or two since.

Since that time I have investigated the history of this coin, which you enclosed me a drawing of.

On the obverse, instead of "India, Portugal, Æthiopia", as you supposed, the correct legend is,

"Petrus II. D. G. Portug. R. C. Ind. Æth."

On the reverse, "Splendeat Usu Moderato", which translate, "It shines in moderate use", probably an adaptation from Horace, who if I recollect aright, [illegible], "Lord and Silver shine [illegible]".

The piece, as you perceive, is Portuguese, of the value of twenty milreis, struck for circulation in Portugal and her colonies.

I can find nothing [illegible]

upon the piece, in any of the numismatic works that I have access to.

To correct the legend rec'd, from a letter recommend as regards the Edg., in the cabinet of one of our members.

Enclosed please find the drawing. We shall be very happy to have a proof one, but the one you send is very good representation of the piece.

× × × ×

In your "Field-Book" you mention that a medal was presented to Baron Steuben, by the King of Prussia. Was such medal engraved, or struck from the die? I should like to be informed on the above points, and also have a description of it, for such this will be a fine medal to send in his name, sure.

There certainly can be no more fascinating the likeness of such men as Steuben. I shall first issue by subscription a fine medal of Dr. Franklin, having his bust for the obverse

Probably you would like to know the condition of our Library and Cabinet. In our Library we have the first English work on the subject. "Rice Vaughns, Discourse on Coin and Coinage, 1675," also the first edition of Pinkerton's "Essay on Medals", "Mytton's Num. Seals and Commanders", and Mey's "Introduction to German Numismatics," &c. In our Cabinet, "Hartstein, Duncan, Franklin, Washington", and various other medals. × ' ×

In our Constitution observe, Cognate matters. Under that we gather Everything in Every language that bears upon the subject of Numismatology. I shall be pleased to hear from you whenever you have leisure. I am,

Very Respectfully Your Obed't Serv't

[illegible]

Dear Sir.

N. Adams Feby 22

Though a perfect stranger to you I get using your name published in the Tribune as an officer of the Numismatic Society in N. Y. city, I take the liberty of sending you the enclosed coin and asking you to examine it and tell me what it is ~~and~~ ~~sending~~ to send it back as soon as possible.

I know or (think rather that) it is a coin of the Romans or Saxons or Danish monarchs of England but owing to my little acquaintance with old English money I am unable to tell

which one it is.

(It was given me by a gentleman in town who took it in charge.)

I have been collecting for the last six years but all the time in the towns of Gloucester & N. Adams and having but few facilities for obtaining coin have but a small collection (625 specimens in all. I commenced when twelve years old and not being in business I have been unable to spend but little in that department. I have also collections in Entomology, (700 specimens prepared & arranged), in Conchology (about 250 species of shells, & in Ornithology (about fifty species)

~~Dear~~ Perhaps you would like to know what coins of any interest I have perhaps not, if not leave out this page & 1/2 the next in your reading this letter.

The cent of every year they were coined in the U.S. 1793 – 1858 inclusive except. 1799 & 1815. The half cent of 1804, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56

1 Dime in the six pence. Dime 1815

Dime 1824 in which U.S. Mint Pfs. said none were coined (found in change.)

1/2 Dime 1795 & 1803

Washington token (Washington & Independence, 1783 United States of America one cent & 100 in figure like Britannia United States

Wind your business cent

Four states of Nova Constellatio cents

Connecticut cent. Mass cent & 1/2 cent

New Jersey " Vermont cents – diff kind

Virginia & 1/2 cent

Also quite a number of Britannia & Washington medals U.S.

Penny.

George. II ½ Penny & Farthing

George III. ½ Penny & Farthing

George III Penny, ½ Penny, & Farthing — 1805

George IIII " " " For kind things

Wm IV " " "

Victoria " " " ½ Farthing & Farthing

Wm 3rd ½ Penny

Then of our coins of Constantine & Constans Elizabeth - 3 pence. Charles II & Wm & Mary 3 pence 6

What do a set of what an English model coin cost. They were eight or ten years ago and have on the Model ½ penny & so on?

What work in coinage not so expensive. Could you recommend me. Should you for more modern coinage we have so few ancient coins and for ... insert shall have so few.

I have asked quite a number of questions for my first attempt in writing to you. Pardon me. If you will only afford me the information as to this English coin and what German state this coin belongs to you will greatly oblige

Yours truly,

Chas. H. Janford

N. Adams

Mass

OFFICE NATIONAL EXPRESS COMPANY,
Late PULLEN, VIRGIL & CO.
74 Broadway.

New-York, Oct 1 1858

D T Frick

Dear Sir Early in Sept I & B Sayr. Secy of the Amer Numismatic Society 121 Eden St, sent To Cashier of Bank of British North America for 10 Setts of the New Colonial Currency viz – 20c 10c 5c 2c 1c – *

If this order has not been filled please get them at once (if out) & send as ex —

Obl'd W. C. Hall

10 each of these pieces, or of whatever other coins the sett may be composed

The new coin is not yet out and will not be for several months

D. T. Fish

Oct 4, 1857

OFFICE OF

Albert H. Nierlay,

Stock Auctioneer and Banker

No 4 BROAD STREET

(Next to Wall) Brown Stone Building.

New York 16 October 1858

Frank H. Norton Esq
Librarian - Dear Sir
Astor Library -

I herewith send you a package of old coins, the property of Mr. Delany of Washington - He is desirous that you will sell them to the best advantage and place the proceeds to his credit with me

Yours very truly
Albert H. Nierlay
By Olgen Thomson

New York Oct 13th 1858

American Numismatic Society
121 Essex Street

Gentlemen

Having a Collection of Coins (Copper & Silver) among which are some Roman ones of Nero & Constantine & several other very scarce ones & not having the funds to authorize me in keeping them I would like to dispose of them to you for what I paid for them. I have about "250" in all & have paid for them about $15.00 which on the average is about 6 1/4 cts a piece for coin which are worth $3.00 apiece. If you do not want them all I can let you have what you do want of them If you think the above price to much please inform me what you think you will give as I wish to dispose of them

as soon as possible. By addressing a note to Henry A. W. Hulbert Box 1320 N. York Post Office it will meet with the quickest attention possible. Woman

Yours

Obedient Servant
Henry A W Hulbert

George Oct 14th 1858

Augustus P. Burke Esq
Secretary
C. R. R.

Dear Sir

I received your note of 13th inst this P.M. and am rehearsing will send a person with the coins, or come myself on the evening you mention in your note (Friday) I would come to night but I consider Friday evening as most convenient of the two

Yours
Most Respectfully
Henry A. M. Culbert

Oct. 19th. 1858

Dear Sir

It was with great pleasure I received a few days since, your note informing me of my election as corresponding member of your association.

I thank the society for the honour conferred upon me, and will endeavour to aid them in their researches to the best of my ability.

I have lately added to my collection, the Washington cent of 1791 (price $100) in perfect preservation, a cent of 1793 very good indeed, price $3.00) an Eagle of 1803 Half Eagle 1806 Silver dollars 1794-1795 1853-1856 Half " 1807-1837-1838 &c Ten cents of 1846 which is quite scarce, and the

Half cent of 1857 all of which are in excellent preservation as good as new". I intend shortly making a visit to a gentleman in Salem, Mass. who has one of the finest collections in the country, should I see anything of interest I will write you.

Enclosed you will please find two dollars and a half ($2.50) the price of my admission and assessment. Should be glad to hear at any time what progress the society are making, and if in want of any particular coin, I can perhaps aid them in getting it.

Remain
Yours Respectfully
Chas Pinsicott

To Aug. B. Sage.
121 Essex St.
N. Y.

Boston Nov. 9th 1858.

F. A. Norton, Esq

Dear Sir — Will you favor me with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Numismatic Society. Feeling a great interest in everything that relates to the Numismatic branch of Archaeology, I wish to avail myself of every privilege which is afforded by your Society. I have a collection of some 1200 Coins and Medals, — ancient and modern — and when I have become more conversant with the subject, and find time to classify my collection, I shall be most happy to furnish you with such information as I may derive therefrom.

Yours, very truly

Austin Cone

Editor Saturday Evening Express
2 Water St. Boston

Cent Cmok.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Notice in the papers of a Meerschaum Pipe has been found in New York — I am a dealer in curiosities, specimens of Indian Relics as well as in coins and other articles of interest, in consequence I wish the opportunity of examining a copy of your Constitution in your State. Will you send me a copy by mail and oblige

Respectfully,

Wm. P. Ellis

Boston, November 30

E. H. Mills Esq.

Dear Sir —

I have in my possession, —
a pine tree shilling (1652)
a Massachusetts copper (1788)
" " half " "
" Connecticut " 1785

which I would place at the disposition of the American Numismatic Society, if they are desirous of securing the same — otherwise, I have another disposition for the same.

Yours truly —
Samuel H. Pulsifer

J. Ölestorlon E.

New York Nov. 13th 1858

F. A. Norton Esq.

Dr Sir,

Seeing a notice in the paper of the meeting of the Am. Numismatic Society, I thought that by addressing you I could find out where to dispose of old American coins. In a work on American Coins Mr S. A. Hickox gives the prices of a number of different coins, and in the list he says that a gold dollar of 1856 sells for $7. one of 1852 for $10. but doesnt say whether they are of a peculiar stamp or not. By giving me information on these points you would much oblige

Yours truly,
Robt. Prince
Box 2765. P. O.

Boston Museum 1853

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find an United States cent of the link or chain pattern of 1798 — a pine tree shilling of Massachusetts, 1652 —
a Massachusetts copper 1787
" " half " "
a Connecticut copper

which I will do myself the honor to place at the disposal of your committee —

Yours truly —

Edward H Balfour

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[illegible] H. Norton Esq
[illegible] Am. Num. Society
[illegible]

Portland Nov 22d 58

Dr Lyman

[illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible]

I send a description of ancient coins (the same which you saw to Mr. Porter) by Prest of American Numismatic Society — and from him, learn concerning their value before accepting offers made, & though I consider present offers quite liberal, yet I am assured that a much larger price can be obtained. I think to learn what prospects are in N. York — Robt J. Cooper is Prest of N. Bogert Vice Prest of said Society — an editor thus advised me to send to Mr. Porter & speak of Foot Nan[illegible] I think he had an extravagant fancy upon

the coins I will pay $2500
for Canis & omit it alone Mint $2500
but be that as it may, I desire
to know what I can realize for
the collection for the 31 coins —

Mr Bellinger has sent me
a draft for the part and I
will send it by you but would
be much obliged if you or Mr
Norton would return it to
me with what he shall say
concerning the value of coins
so — I should be pleased
to hear from Mr. N. soon as
consistent for I have a liberal
offer from one who buys on speculation
but I seek a still more liberal
offer. Prof Mayer informs me
that the coins are very valuable
and that there are three young gen-
tlemen who would give a large sum
for the Cap — Should you have
time to call upon Mr. N. tell

can do so, you cannot by return
write me a few lines upon the subject
of obliging Mr. Bettinger, I am Mr. Bettinger's
description with him, Will you
ask of him the favour to return
it to me. Let me hear
from you. Much Obliged
Yours Truly
C. Muralt

Answered Nov 25/58

Albany Nov 22nd 1858

Frank H Norton Esq

Dear Sir

A small book containing the constitution and by laws of the American Numismatic Society lays before me and after a careful perusal think that to become a member requires me to pay the sum of ~~two dollars~~ One $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollar the half Years the first Year and One Dollar half Yearly the succeeding Years as I am not a resident of Manhattan Island and I conclude to know one how and to whom shall I send the funds

Yours &c

Lewis Cass

St Nicholas Hotel 24 nov
'58

L. H. Norton Esq.

Dear Sir

Being obliged to leave town early in the morng I shall lose the pleasure of delivering the enclosed to you personally

The accompanying letter explains itself & possibly you may be interested in the subject if you examine the accompanying description of the cup made by the Revd Mr. Bettinger.

When in Cleveland some time since I saw the cup. It is a very interesting object. It is a heavy silver gilt cup. it would perhaps hold three pints. The coins are all of about the size of a Spanish dollar are mostly Imperial, German coins, a few Palatine & Polish

The cup came into the hands of the present possessor thro' some German emigrants into Milwaukee, some years ago

One of the coins you will notice is of the Emperor Charles V^th

Will you look into the matter & inform

Mr Calit Alvarez of Cleveland opinion of the cup & return to home the expense of Mr Billings

Mrs Gray Ruff

J. W. Lyman.

The coins are all inlaid into the side of the cup; thro' the side — the two surfaces of each coin being slightly raised above the outer & inner surface of the cup —

Louisville, Ky. Dec 11 1885

Frank H. Norton Esq.
Secy. Am. N. Society
New York city

You will pardon this intrusion upon your time, I trust for the sake of your love for the science of Numismatics. — and should it ever be in my power to render you a favor I am yours to Command —

I should like you to send me a list of works treating wholly or in part upon this noble science also of any numismatic Journals or Magazines that may be published in this or any other Country — also the prices of each and where I would be most likely to obtain them — please answer this as soon as may be convenient and by so doing

Confer a great favor upon

Yours ever truly
C. L. S. Matthews —

Address answer
Care Editor Commercial Review
for C. L. S. Matthews
Louisville
Ky —

(addressed in this manner I will get it without delay)

Would you have any objections to sending me a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws of your society

Turner Dupage Co. Ill
Dec 29 1858

F. H. Norton Esq
Dear Sir

For the past few years I have turned my attention to the Collection of Coins, Medals & Tokens; and for want of a work on Numismatics, I am often at a loss to know the origin and purpose the different kinds that I gather, are, or were, intended for; Can you give me the name of some authentic work on this subject? I apply to you, having seen your name in print as Corresponding Sec'y of the American Numismatic Society. I have enclosed you a few specimens of Federal Copper Coins & Tokens

I have have, I know they relate to the united States of that is all.

No. 1 is a pretty Good impression the date is 1788. I have those of 1786 they are not so finely executed & have not the branches crossing underneath the shield. what use they intended for and by whom used.

No. 2. this is much worn brass on one side the profile bust of George III, on the reverse the arms of England surmounted by a crown, around the margin the word Virginia; date 1773.

No 3 is a pretty Good impression reads Auctori Connec; on its reverse inde Ebib 1787; others of 1788 have the word Vermon in place of Connec.

No 4. describe itself. I have
also one of the Mint Jam
business Cents; I notice a
difference in the Cents, 1794
one being smaller in circum-
ference and thicker than the
other; the head on the thick one
bears a resemblance to Washing-
ton; the other the Goddess of
Liberty; with flowing locks,
but now the reason of this
are alike in the same year.
I should like to obtain
a work on American Coinage
Can you favor me with
answers or solutions to
the above, my only apology
for troubling you is I know
of no one else to turn to
apply.

Yours Truly
[illegible]

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F. A. Norton Esq Secy:

Dear Sir

Our Society has awarded us Medals for the last two years, and we have none on hand – We own the dies, but as there is no appropriation cannot order them to be struck – Shall file your letter, and be happy to oblige you when we again order copies for the Society, or if you desire speedily to fill your collection and will pay the cost, will order a copy of the Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal –

Very Respectfully

A. O. Hiester

Secy:

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Correspondence
from 1858 to 1864.
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N.B.
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